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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to an official action dated July 20, 2001, wherein the pending claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. As the time for taking action to the outstanding official action expired on January 20, 2002 (a Sunday), this response is timely filed as (1) it is being forwarded to the Patent Office on the next following day (January 22, 2002) that the Patent Office is open for business and (2) it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the third month and the requisite fee.

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